(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). During the years 1990 and 1991 the proposals received from the following companies/persons for the manufacture of passenger cars were rejected by the Government as the capacity already created was considered sufficient to meet the projected demand:

1. M/s. Eicher Motors Ltd.

2. Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Dev. Corporation.

3. M/s. Acqua Marine Ltd.

4. Shri S.N. Kaza

5. Shri Surinder Kapur.

Remote sensing Mechanism for Cyclone Forecast

2497.PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Remote Sensing Mechanism is also sending any message of cyclone forecast;

(b) if so, whether such messages are being transferred to cyclone prone Coastal areas to alert them of the natural clamities; and

(c) if so, the administrative network looking after it particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is the nodal agency for providing cyclone warnings in India. These warnings are generated by four Cyclone Warning Centres on the east coast and two on the west coast. Cyclone warning bulletins for coastal Andhra Pradesh are provided by the Cyclone Warning Centre at Visakhapatnam functioning under the charge of a senior officer of the rank of Director.

In Andhra Pradesh, cyclone warnings are issued by the Cyclone Warning Centre at Visakhapatnam which utilizes the INSAT generated information and is also backed by two high power Cyclone Detection Radars at Visakhapatnam and Machilipatnam. The Visakhapatnam centre works in close coordination with the Meteorological centre at Hyderabad and these two centres maintain liaison with State Government and other user agencies.

Cyclone Warning Centres in Andhra Pradesh

2498. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any network of cyclone warning mechanism in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to further strengthen the cyclone warning network in the Coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC